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London 18 May 1766

Dear Sir

I have your Esteemed favours of 23d Jany & 25 Feby last and duely note the Same, I am greatly Obliged to your late Uncle and your Self, for the trouble I have given you in regard to Sewall & Lewis's affairs with our late Company (say K and B) and that there is now a finall Issue of it. You'l give me leave to remarke, that I don't find in the Acco Sent me, that I have Crd. for any Interest from the time that Harrison and Gray bot. the Estate to the time you remitted the money, all that I have to say upon it is that if Mr Gray did not pay the money when the deeds were Executed to him which was in July 1764 he ought to have paid it up to the time when he did, if he did pay it I should have had the money then remitted, as it was not, I am a looser of one year and half's Interest. and as to the Charge of Bond and any other securitys given, Sewall and Lewis ought to have paid the Charge of it, as is alway done here in this Case, for the bond should have been Satisfied without any expence to the proprietors of it —

In your letter of the 25 Feby last was Enclosed Sewall and Lewis's Acco Curt. as Stated by yr Self, Ballce being £1777-6- for which have recd your bill of Exchange on Barnards & Harrison for the Same, value of which is passed to the Credt of Sewall and Lewis's Acco with Kilby and Barnard, wch Acco is now Ballanced, on Examining our Books, I don't find there was any further remittance made either by your late Uncle or your Self than what is Charg'd in the Acco Sent me. I am truely Sensible of the great Services your late Uncle and your Self have done to our house for which I am much Obliged and return you my sincere thanks: I am now quite retired from business which is now Carry on by Mr G Harrison & my son John which I hope they have better Success than I have had, they are both very Industrious, and don't doubt but they'l answer the Expectations of their Employers, and hope your friendship and favours will be to them as they have been to me. There is a Small Ballce due from the Estate of John Tolman which have taken the liberty to Send you the Acco Enclosed, and beg the favour of you to Enquire about it.— I hope the good Lady your Aunt is recovered of her late Indisposition and got well Establish'd in her health, and that you have got your health recovered and is now very well —

I shall always be proud of your friendship and Correspondence when your leisure will permitt —

I give you joy and all my Countrymen of the repeal of the Stamp Act, and hope soon to give you a good Acco of the repeal of all the Acts that laid so great a burthen on trade, it is fully my Opinion that if the Merchants of the Severall Northern Colonies (out of which were Chosen a Committee) had not taken the utmost pains in the Affair, it would not have been repealed, but having now brot the Houses of Lords and Commons into a knowledge of the true Interest of this Kingdom connected with its Colonies (which they never knew before) as nothing of this will ever happen again

This has been attended with a great Expence by publick dinners which we were Obliged to give and other incident Charges which Expect will amount to £1500 which we do not think too much for what we have gained for you and our selves, therefore I hope and wish that all the Colonies will behave in a Suitable manner and not Exult, as our Enemies in this affair said in the House they would do, but with thankfullness of heart address the King upon it —

This day have advice of Captn Freemans arrivall in the Downs, his letters are in the Office, the Lydia is at Gravesend waiting for our dispatches which goes tomorrow.—

I thank God I am very well as is all my Family, my best regards and Esteem attends your Aunt and Self Concludes me

Dear Sir

your Obliged Friend and
most humble Servt

John Hancock Esqr p the Lydia Capt Scott

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Dr Sir/ London 30 1766

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The foregoing of my last since which I have the pleasure of yours of 28 March last by Capt Freeman & duly note the same I am much Obliged to you for the kind offer of striking off your Commissns charged in Sewell & Lewis Acco I am very well satisfyed as it stands & thank you for the trouble you have had in it I have always had the highest Esteem for your late Uncle & his Memory will be dear to me to my last Period & shall always have the same for your self praying for your Health & Happyness, hoping for the favour of your Correspondence when your Leisure will permitt, I am very much Obliged to you & return you my Thanks for the Kind present of a Cask of Pickled Pork which came very seasonably as Beans are coming I think Connecticut Pork is beyond any Pork or Bacon we have here & if it would not be too much trouble I would beg the favour of a renuall of it with half Barrell of Cranburys in the season every Year but I must insist upon it you charge it to the present House to whom I shall acco for it, you see I take the Liberty with you but I know your Goodness will excuse me If there be any thing here I can send you worth your acceptance it will give me the greatest pleasure to do it, I desire my best Respects & Regard may be comended to the Good Lady your Aunt who I hope enjoys a good State of Health I am Obliged to you for the trouble given You in regard to the Debt due from the late Brigr Waldo, some Months ago I wrote Mr Parker & drew a bill on his Executors for the Balla which I sent him it was Scandolous in them not to have remitted the Money Years agoe as it was only cash advanced him this with the former Obligations I was Under to his Creditors Messrs Browne was the saving of every thing they will realize of the Brigrs Estate I thank God that I enjoy a good State of Health but cant expect it will hold long my two Sons Mr & Mrs Robinson with their Son Bobby are very well they return you thanks for your kind remembrance of them & unite with me in best Esteem & Regards to you & Conclude with great Sincerity

PS your Kinsman Mr Mowes
is a Sober well behav'd Young
Gentleman & shall always
be glad to show him any
Civility in my Power.

Dear Sir

Your Obliged Friend & Humble Servant

Jona Barnard.

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